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In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated May 19, 2004,  
the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in  
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This reply includes:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

REMARKS